

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for archiving data blocks comprising:

a user data processing means for a user to form one or more data blocks;

transmission means, coupled to the user data processing means, for transmitting said data blocks from the user data processing means; and

remote archive storage means, coupled to the transmission means, for receiving and storing the one or more data blocks, said remote archive storage means preventing anyone, including the user, from modifying or deleting said one or more data blocks stored at said remote archive storage means to provide non-rescindable storage of said data blocks for at least an initial time period,

wherein the user negotiates the initial time period with the remote archive storage means to reach agreement on an initial time period for non-rescindable storage of said one or more data blocks.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

means for retrieving, from the remote archive storage means to the user, a copy of the one or more data blocks.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

digital signature generating means, having a physically remote location different from the user data process means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to said user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for computing for the user, a secure digital signature

data block comprising a secure digital signature of the one or more data blocks, and appending the digital signature data block to the one or more data blocks.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 4, wherein the digital signature generating means comprises a digital signature generating party independent of the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, and coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means by the transmission means.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
secure time-stamping means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means for receiving the one or more data blocks, time-stamping the one or more data blocks on receipt, and storing said time-stamp as an additional non-rescindable data block with the one or more data blocks in the remote archive storage means.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 6, wherein the secure time-stamping means comprises a secure time-stamping party, independent of the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means by the transmission means.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
encryption means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data input means user

data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for encrypting the one or more data blocks to create one or more encrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more encrypted data blocks to remote archive storage means in place of said one or more data blocks.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 8, wherein the encryption means comprises an encryption party, independent of the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means via the transmission means.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

filing key generating means, coupled to said ~~user data input means~~user data processing means and said remote archive storage means, ~~said filing key generating means having a physically remote location different from the user data input means~~user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for generating filing keys from said one or more data blocks.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 10, wherein said filing key generating means comprises an independent filing key generating party, independent of the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means via the transmission means.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

search means, having a physically remote location different from the user data input means~~user data processing means and the remote archive storage means~~, to search stored filing keys

at said remote archive storage means to select at least one of the one or more data blocks for retrieval of copies of the at least one of the one or more data blocks.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 12, wherein said search means comprises an independent search party, independent of the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means via the transmission means.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

encryption means coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means via the transmission means, and having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for encrypting the one or more data blocks to produce one or more encrypted data blocks such that the remote archive storage means may not decrypt the one or more encrypted data blocks but that the user may decrypt copies of the one or more encrypted data blocks.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 14, wherein said encryption means comprises an independent encryption party, independent of the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means via the transmission means.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

voice waveform data input means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to said user data processing means, for receiving a user's voice and creating voice waveform data; and

voice recognition and transcription means, coupled to said user data processing means and said remote archive storage means, for generating one or more text data blocks from said voice waveform data transmission for storage in the remote archive storage means.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 16, wherein said voice recognition means comprises an independent voice recognition and transcription party, independent of the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means via the transmission means.

18. (CANCELLED)

19. (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of ~~claim 18~~ claim 5, further comprising:
secure time-stamping means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means for receiving the one or more data blocks, time-stamping the one or more data blocks on receipt, and storing said time-stamp as an additional non-rescindable data block with the one or more data blocks in the remote archive storage means.

21. (CANCELLED)

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

~~encryption means, coupled to the user data input means and the remote archive storage means, for encrypting the one or more data blocks to create one or more encrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more encrypted data blocks to remote archive storage means in place of said one or more data blocks~~

~~filing key generating means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to said user data input means user data processing means and said remote archive storage means, for generating filing keys from said one or more data blocks.~~

23. (CANCELLED)

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 22, further comprising:

~~filing key generating means, coupled to said user data input means and said remote archive storage means, for generating filing keys from said one or more data blocks~~

~~search means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, to search stored filing keys at said remote archive storage means to select at least one of the one or more data blocks for retrieval of copies of the at least one of the one or more data blocks.~~

25. (CANCELLED)

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

~~search means to search stored filing keys at said remote archive storage means to select at least one of the one or more data blocks for retrieval of copies of the at least one of the one or more data blocks~~

~~voice waveform data input means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to said user data processing means, for receiving a user's voice and creating voice waveform data; and~~

~~voice recognition and transcription means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to said user data processing means and said remote archive storage means, for generating one or more text data blocks from said voice waveform data transmission for storage in the remote archive storage means.~~

27. (CANCELLED)

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of ~~claim 20~~ claim 26, further comprising:

~~encryption means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for encrypting the one or more data blocks to produce one or more encrypted data blocks such that the remote archive storage means may not decrypt the one or more encrypted data blocks but that the user may decrypt copies of the one or more encrypted data blocks.~~

29. (CANCELLED)

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 28, further comprising:

~~voice waveform data input means, coupled to said user data processing means, for receiving a user's voice and creating voice waveform data; and~~

~~voice recognition and transcription means, coupled to said user data processing means and said remote archive storage means, for generating one or more text data blocks from said voice waveform data transmission for storage in the remote archive storage means~~

~~decryption means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for decrypting the one or more blocks retrieved from said remote archive storage means, to create one or more decrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more decrypted data blocks to the user data processing means.~~

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of ~~claim 2~~ claim 8, further comprising decryption means, having a physically remote location different from the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the ~~user data input means~~ user data processing means and the ~~remote archive storage means~~, for decrypting the one or more encrypted data blocks retrieved from said remote archive storage means, to create one or more decrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more decrypted data blocks to the user data processing means.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for archiving data blocks comprising the steps of:

forming, in a user data input device, one or more data blocks,

transmitting the data blocks from the user using a transmission network,

archiving the one or more data blocks in a remote archive storage, and

preventing anyone, including the user, from modifying or deleting the one or more data blocks stored at the remote archive storage to provide non-rescindable storage of the data blocks for at least an initial time period, and

~~negotiating, between the user and the remote archive storage an initial time period to reach agreement on an initial time period for non-rescindable storage of the one or more data blocks.~~

33. (CANCELLED)

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of retrieving, from the remote archive storage to the user, a copy of the one or more data blocks.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of: computing, in an encryption data processor ~~having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage,~~ coupled to the user data input device ~~and the remote archive storage,~~ a secure digital signature data block comprising a secure digital signature of the one or more data blocks, and

appending the digital signature data block to the one or more data blocks.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 35, wherein the step computing a secure digital signature data block comprises the step of computing the digital signature in a digital signature generating party ~~having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage and independent of the user data input device and the remote~~

archive storage, and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive via the transmission network.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of:
time-stamping in a secure time-stamping device having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage, coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the one or more data blocks upon receipt, and
storing the time-stamp as an additional non-rescindable data block with the one or more data blocks in the remote archive storage.

38. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 37, wherein the step of time-stamping comprises the step of time-stamping in a secure time-stamping party independent of the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage by the transmission network.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of:
encrypting, in an encryption device having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage, coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the one or more data blocks to create one or more encrypted data blocks, and
transmitting the one or more encrypted data blocks to remote archive storage in place of the one or more data blocks.

40. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 39, wherein the step of encrypting comprises the step of encrypting in an encryption party independent of the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage via the transmission network.

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of generating, in a filing key generator coupled to the user data input and the remote archive storage, said filing key generator having a physically remote location different from the user data input and the remote archive storage, filing keys from the one or more data blocks.

42. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of generating filing keys comprises the step of generating filing keys in an independent filing key generating party independent of the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage via the transmission network.

43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of searching stored filing keys at the remote archive storage at a physically remote location different from the user data input and the remote archive storage to select at least one of the one or more data blocks for retrieval of copies of the at least one of the one or more data blocks.

44. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 43, wherein the step of searching comprises the step of searching in an independent search party independent of the user data input

device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage via the transmission network.

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of encrypting, in an encryption device, ~~having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage,~~ the one or more data blocks to produce one or more encrypted data blocks such that the remote archive storage may not decrypt the one or more encrypted data blocks but that the user may decrypt copies of the one or more encrypted data blocks.

46. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 45, wherein the step of encrypting comprises the step of encrypting in an independent encryption party independent of the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage via the transmission network.

47. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of:
inputting in a voice waveform data input device coupled to the user data input device, a user's voice and creating voice waveform data, and

transcribing in a voice recognition and transcription device, ~~having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage,~~ coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the voice waveform data to create text data blocks from the voice waveform data received from the user data input device for storage in the remote archive storage.

48. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 47, wherein the step of transcribing the voice waveform data comprises the step of transcribing the voice waveform data in an independent voice recognition and transcription party independent of the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage via the transmission network.

49. (CANCELLED)

50. (CANCELLED)

51. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of ~~claim 49~~ claim 36, further comprising the steps of:

time-stamping in a secure time-stamping device, having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage, coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the one or more data blocks upon receipt; and

storing the time-stamp as an additional non-rescindable data block with the one or more data blocks in the remote archive storage.

52. (CANCELLED)

53. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 51, further comprising the ~~steps~~ step of:

— encrypting, in an encryption device coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the one or more data blocks to create one or more encrypted data blocks; and

— transmitting the one or more encrypted data blocks to remote archive storage in place of the one or more data blocks

generating, in a filing key generator having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage, coupled to the user data input and the remote archive storage, filing keys from the one or more data blocks.

54. (CANCELLED)

55. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 53, further comprising the step of generating, in a filing key generator coupled to the user data input and the remote archive storage, filing keys from the one or more data blocks searching stored filing keys at the remote archive storage at a physically remote location different from the user data input and the remote archive storage to select at least one of the one or more data blocks for retrieval of copies of the at least one of the one or more data blocks.

56. (CANCELLED)

57. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 55, wherein the step of searching comprises the step of searching in an independent search party independent of the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage via the transmission network further comprising the steps of:

inputting in a voice waveform data input device having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage, coupled to the user data input device, a user's voice and creating voice waveform data, and

transcribing in a voice recognition and transcription device having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage, coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the voice waveform data to create text data blocks from the voice waveform data received from the user data input device for storage in the remote archive storage.

58. (CANCELLED)

59. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of ~~claim 51~~ claim 57, further comprising the step of encrypting, in an encryption device having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the one or more data blocks to produce one or more encrypted data blocks such that the remote archive storage may not decrypt the one or more encrypted data blocks but that the user may decrypt copies of the one or more encrypted data blocks.

60. (CANCELLED)

61. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 59, further comprising the steps
step of:

inputting in a voice waveform data input device coupled to the user data input device, a user's voice and creating voice waveform data, and

transcribing in a voice recognition and transcription device coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the voice waveform data to create text data blocks from the voice waveform data received from the user data input device for storage in the remote archive storage.

decrypting in a decryption device having a physically remote location different from the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage, the one or more blocks retrieved from said remote archive storage, to create one or more decrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more decrypted data blocks to the user data input device.

62. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 61, wherein the step of transcribing the voice waveform data comprises the step of transcribing the voice waveform data in an independent voice recognition and transcription party independent of the user data input device and the remote archive storage and coupled to the user data input device and the remote archive storage via the transmission network.

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69. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 3, said archive providing assured access to said means for retrieving data.

70. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 69, wherein said archive requires verified personal data from said user for providing said assured access.

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83. (NEW) The system of claim 9, further comprising decryption means, having a physically remote location different from the user data process means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for decrypting the one or more encrypted data blocks retrieved from said remote archive storage means, to create one or more decrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more decrypted data blocks to the user data processing means.

84. (NEW) The system of claim 14, further comprising decryption means, having a physically remote location different from the user data process means and the remote archive

storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for decrypting the one or more encrypted data blocks retrieved from said remote archive storage means, to create one or more decrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more decrypted data blocks to the user data processing means.

85. (NEW) The system of claim 15, further comprising decryption means, having a physically remote location different from the user data process means and the remote archive storage means, coupled to the user data processing means and the remote archive storage means, for decrypting the one or more encrypted data blocks retrieved from said remote archive storage means, to create one or more decrypted data blocks, and transmitting said one or more decrypted data blocks to the user data processing means.